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Sirs;

Microsoft has a long history of deception and unethical and illegal methods in the pursuit of corporate profits. Unfortunately it is long past time that the Federal government take substantial action against their actions.

Off the top of my head:

- Tactics used against Netscape, specifically, bundling Internet Explorer in the base operating system and giving it away. Microsoft subsequently lied saying it could not be removed.
- Microsoft struck a licensing deal with Spyglass [NCSA] for the Mosaic code which was reborn as Internet Explorer. The deal was a percentage for each copy of IE sold. Microsoft then bundled Internet Explorer with the operating system and so never paid any royalties.
- Forcing computer hardware vendors to install and pay for their operating system on every computer shipped using their licensing agreements as leverage. This cost is still passed on to the consumer even if the consumer does not want Microsoft's operating system. This same tactic was used to force hardware vendors to remove Netscape from their installation software bundles.
- Windows 98 online registration would send Microsoft a unique hardware-based composite ID for the registrant's machine, which could then be used to track that machine online. The registration program would send the ID to Microsoft even if the registrant declined.
- Microsoft's .NET architecture gives them unannounced access to every computer running their operating system. This should raise an immediate concern over privacy and security issues given Microsoft's history and nature. Does the Federal government use Microsoft operating systems?

After all this Microsoft proposes to give away its software to schools as restitution for past antitrust [and other] actions thus spreading their monopoly to school children. This would be the .NET architecture.

I sincerely hope my government is not duped in to becoming the next victim of Microsoft's corporate rape and plunder mentality.

Regards,  
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I have:

- been in the software engineering business since 1980
- owned personal computers since the IBM-PC days
- bought Microsoft products prior to their transition to illegal and unethical company
- worked for companies like Digital Equipment Corporation and Sun Microsystems
- started my own company in Silicon Valley

I do not and will not use any Microsoft products or services.

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